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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert L. Canella

Serial No.: 09/941,853

Filed: August 29, 2001

For: METHODS OF FORMING A
CONTACT ARRAY IN SITU ON A
SUBSTRATE AND RESULTING
SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES

Examiner: P. Greene

Group Art Unit: 2826

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 15, 2002, having an initial period of response expiring on April 15, 2002. This response is mailed on or before April 15, 2002.

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on August 29, 2001 and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 15, 2001 and notes that no copies of the PTO-1449's were returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449's be made of record herein.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1 through 65 are currently pending in the application and subject to a Restriction Requirement. Applicant notes that the Examiner has grouped the claims into two groups, namely Group I, claims 1-26 and Group II, claims 27-65, respectively corresponding to a substrate assembly and method of fabricating a substrate assembly.

Applicant concurs with a restriction between the apparatus and method of fabricating same, but notes that, due to some unfortunate claim organization, the apparatus and method groupings *actually* are:

Group I, apparatus claims **1-26, 44-55**. Claims 44-55 comprise dependent claims depending, variously, from independent apparatus claims 1, 3, 5 and 15.

Group II, method claims **27-43 and 56-65**.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the apparatus claims of Group I, claims 1-26 and 44-55 as proposed to be regrouped above.

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Applicants respectfully request a prompt action on the merits of claims 1-6 and 44-55.

Respectfully submitted,

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